



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 19th May 2022

Mt Martha Primary School strives to empower students to be active learners who make a positive impact in a changing world.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Cross Country - Congratulations to all the students for your fantastic effort in the Cross Country. Well done to Mr Sweatman for his organisation and thankyou to the Year Six leaders who assisted. Thankyou to the staff and parents who assisted or came to cheer the students.

Hot chocolate Day - Our fabulous SEC team are planning a Hot Chocolate Day and PJ Day for the first day of winter. More details are available within this addition of the Banksia Bulletin.

Book Fair - The students have had the opportunity to come and browse through the books and items that will be available to purchase at the Book Fair (Monday 23rd May - Wednesday 25th May). The school will receive a percentage of the sales and we can use this credit to purchase lots of fantastic books to add to our libraries collection. Your children may have brought home a wish list to discuss with you.

Year 5 Camp - Our Year 5 students are off on three exciting days at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat on Monday 30th May and returning Wednesday 1st June. Currently in class as part of their inquiry unit they are studying "From Colony to Democracy" with a focus on the gold rush of the 1850's. This week they begin their gold rush game with lots of activities for students to understand life in the 1850's. The camp at Sovereign Hill will consolidate student's understandings and bring their learning to "life". We hope they all enjoy this fantastic experience.

Reminder Student Attitudes to School Survey - The Student Attitude to School Survey will be conducted with Year 4 - 6 students from Monday 23rd May - Friday 10th June. We value student voice to improve student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what students think of the school. Further information about student participation was sent to parents of students in Years 4 - 6 in a Compass post on Thursday 12th May.

Prep 2023 Enrolment Week is Monday 16th May to Friday 20th May with school tours held earlier in the week **and today** starting at 9.30am. Tours usually take about 45 minutes. Please meet at the School Office. No bookings are required. Enrolment information will be available from the Office. If you were unable to make a tour, please contact the front office to organise an alternative time. Enrolment forms are due back **Friday 27th May** thank you.

Working Bee and SEC Democracy Sausage Sizzle - Saturday 21st May 9am to noon is our Term 2 Working Bee at the school. Jobs are mainly gardening and tidying, and our school always looks so much better on the Monday after a Working Bee. There are a few jobs to do to prepare for Gold for Green day on Thursday 26th May. This is also the Federal Election Day and the SEC will be running a fundraising BBQ. Hope to see you there to vote, buy a sausage and assist with the Working Bee! All volunteers are required to be triple vaccinated.

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Our Mission is to ensure high quality and engaging learning program that builds on the capability of every student.



The Mount Martha Primary School community acknowledges & pays respect to the Boon Wurrung/Bunurong people of the Kulin nation, the traditional custodians of these lands & waters.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT continued

Vaccination requirements for visitors and volunteers performing work -The third dose vaccination requirements applies to any visitors or volunteers performing work on school sites. This is a Department of Education requirement. This includes:

- a person contracted to work at an education facility and who will or may be in close proximity to children, students or staff, whether or not engaged by the education operator including casual relief teachers, NDIS providers and auditors (but does not include delivery personnel)
- Department staff who attend an education facility (such as allied health personnel)
- staff of any other entity who attends an education facility
- volunteers that attend an education facility and that work in close proximity to children, students or staff (including parent helpers)
- students on placements at an education facility

Vaccination requirements for other visitors to schools - not performing work- Parents, carers, and other adult visitors are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine if not performing work or volunteering at the school.

New RAPID test - There are changes to the provision of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) in our school for the remainder of Term 2. RATs will continue to be distributed to you as they have been throughout this school year for the remainder of this term. However, from Monday 23 May 2022, students will no longer be recommended to undertake either twice weekly RATs in mainstream schools or 5 days a week in specialist schools. RATs however will continue to be required by students who are household contacts to attend school (5 negative tests over a 7-day period) or who have symptoms. The ongoing supply of RATs to families in our school will ensure that parents and carers will have them should they need them if their child is a household contact or has symptoms. Families must continue to notify the Department of Health and the school if their child returns a positive RAT result. Additionally, you should inform us if any of your children are household contacts. Thank you also to all families who have got their child vaccinated. Vaccination continues to remain the best way to protect students and staff in our school. Getting vaccinated is easy and bookings can be done via the coronavirus website. If you have any questions about the vaccines, I encourage you to speak to your GP or a health practitioner. Thank you again for your ongoing cooperation and support during this time.

Reminder Pupil Free Days - For your diaries. This term Semester One reports are prepared by teachers and distributed to parents. On Tuesday 21st June we hold our Student Led Conferences. At these conferences students reflect on and present their learning to their parents and their teacher. Times are booked like our "Meet the Teacher Evening". **This is a Pupil Free Day** with students only required to attend at the time they are doing their presentation. More details to come on booking a time. This term we also have a second **Pupil Free Day on Friday 27th May**. The Department of Education recently reached an in-principle agreement with unions, as bargaining representatives of employees in the Victorian Teaching Service, on a proposed replacement enterprise agreement that will apply to teaching service employees (eligible employees). Teachers will be entitled to three professional practice days in 2022, starting in Term 2, 2022. For Term 2, 2022 only, the department recommends schools hold their first professional practice day on the same day for all staff. This will support effective and efficient use of the day and alleviate any workforce pressures. Students will therefore not be required to attend school on this day. Gillian and her team will run Out of Hours School Care Program on both these days.

Warm Regards

Karen Walker

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



MAY

Friday 20th
Walk to School Day



Saturday 21st
Working Bee
9.00am - 12noon All Welcome
BBQ Election Day Fundraiser 8 - 1pm



Book Fair in Staff Centre
Monday 23rd 8.30 - 9.30am 3 - 4pm
Tuesday 24th 8.30 - 9.30am 3 - 4pm
Wednesday 25th 8.30 - 9.30am 3 - 4pm

Tuesday 24th
District Cross Country for selected students
9.00am - 1.45pm
Woodleigh School Penbank

Wednesday 25th
Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary
9am - 2.00pm
Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale

Thursday 26th
Gold for Green Day
Wear Green and bring a gold coin



Friday 27th
Student Free Day
Students do not attend school today



**REMINDER
NO SCHOOL**

COMPASS EVENT PAYMENT/CONSENT CALENDAR



Parents are reminded to log into the Compass Parent Portal to consent and/or pay by the due date.

Please let the office know if your child will be away and/or will not be attending the event.
Thank you.

2022 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary	\$25	22/5/2022
Year 5 Sovereign Hill Camp	\$355	23/5/2022
Year 5 Billy Tea Bush Band	\$12	6/6/2022

TERM DATES: 2022

Term 2 26th April to 24th June
Term 3 11th July to 16th September
Term 4 3rd October to 20th December

TERM DATES: 2023

Term 1 27th January to 6th April
Term 2 24th April to 23rd June
Term 3 10th July to 15th September
Term 4 2nd October to 20th December

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SATURDAY 21ST MAY

9AM-1PM

OR UNTIL SOLD OUT

Election Day

WORKING BEE at MMPS!



- we are asking for your help at our
Election Day Working Bee!

Date: Saturday 21 May

Time: 9am - 12pm.

If you can bring along useful tools like a wheelbarrow, spade, pitchfork (for mulch), shovel, gloves etc that would be very helpful.

Purpose: Getting grounds ready for Gold For Green Day.

Some jobs required for the day:

- Building temporary fencing.
- Re-establishing garden edging in Sensory Garden
- Preparing garden beds for Prep planting.
- Moving heavy garden furniture (round garden pots)
- Pruning and mulching

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Morning tea is provided.

Please complete this attached slip and return to the office so we can plan and organise the tasks on the day.

Yes, I am able to help out on Saturday May 21 at the school Working Bee.

My name is _____ and my child/ren's names are _____

Please return to the office as soon as possible.





HEY HEY 1ST JUNE IS HOT CHOC & PJ DAY

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MUG**

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1st June for a
Hot Chocolate
to celebrate the
first day of winter!

**Dress code: favourite pajamas
or something comfy!**

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR NEWS



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - May, Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th Mt Martha Primary School is hosting a Book Fair. This special event celebrates books and reading and gives children, parents, teachers and community members the opportunity to purchase quality books. The fair will be set up in the Staff Centre and will be visited by each class at their allocated time during school hours.

From Monday we encourage you to drop in and take a look at what's on offer during the following times:

Monday 23rd	8.30 - 9.30am and 3 - 4pm
Tuesday 24th	8.30 - 9.30am and 3 - 4pm
Wednesday 25th	8.30 - 9.30am and 3 - 4 pm

A percentage of the proceeds from the sales of these books directly contributes to raising funds for the school to purchase many more valuable resources for our children's literacy pleasure. This is a great opportunity to have a leisurely browse at some of the great books available.

Karen Walker

Principal



Gold For Green Day.

Thursday 26th May 2022

Wear Green. Bring a Gold Coin.

Help us green our world just like 'Florette.'

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Activities will include:

- Reading Anna Walker's Florette
- Pledges to the environment by all our students.
- Preps: Planting in the Prep Forest with their Year Four Buddies
- Year One: Tin Can Bee Hotels
- Year Two: Cardboard Cubbies
- Year Three: Layered glass jar gardens.
- Year Four: Assisting Preps.
- Year Five: Pavement Environmental Messages.
- Year Six: Refurbishing the Sensory Garden

Check with your child's teacher for activity times. Please come and join us to help green the world.



MOUNT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM



PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY 27TH MAY 2022



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BOOKINGS CLOSE: FRIDAY 20TH MAY @6PM

SPORTS NEWS

WHOLE SCHOOL HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

With the track marked out and the weather - a little fresh; this was going to make for an exciting day. What a way to bring our whole school community together.

We started with our Prep students running 1km with some very fast and excited students running past parents, officials and teachers. The whole day saw some very memorable moments and some very exhausted competitors crossing the finish line. Students showed persistence and were able to complete the required km for their race.

Every race saw points awarded to each house with the winning house being:

FLINTOFF

	PREP		YEAR 1	
1st	Leni M	Paxton C	Zoe F	Monty T
2nd	Phoebe D	Teddy A	Billie L	Harvey C
3rd	Charlise B	Patrick J	Georgie G	Jasper S
4th	Macy W	Teddy S	Stella H	Declan B
5th	Isla H	Oliver M	Isabella P	Noah Z
6th	Olive B	Chris S	Frankie F	Lincoln F
7th	Olivia Z	Flynn D	Chloe B	Lincoln S
8th	Charlotte D	Nolan P	Poppy S	Sebastain R
9th	Olivia W	Harvey W	Luika H	Indi L
10th	Rose R	Alfie F	Zahli M	Finn W

SCHOOL TEAM								
	8yr Old		9/10yr Old		11yr Old		12/13yr Old	
1st	Brooke P	Harper M	Coda M	Harry P	Ziva W	Harvey W	Courtney S	Henry J
2nd	Arielle M	Alfie W	Sienna W	Jake B	Isla R	Noah L	Juliette E	Tait B
3rd	Isabella H	Hunter M	Evie A	Leon D	Alex C	Patrick R	Stephanie N	Ryan M
4th	Zoe R	Joel H	Kiera B	Oscar F	Jaz K	Luca G	Lila P	Jake G
5th	Georgie G	Nicki G	Koa Jean R	Blake S	Billie R	Kai P	Leila K	Luke B
6th	Lucy P	Lachlan B	Paige H	Frankie G	Summer R	Ollie K	Kalani R	Archie J
7th	Amelia K	Michael K	Jesscia C	Xavier B	Ahlia H-V-S	Connor R	Grace T	Makai V
8th	Frankie R	Mason S	Keira C	Conor B	Tully M	Xavier McG	Shiah-Blu R	Noah F
9th	Olivia S	Nash P	Luciana G	Kyah I	Lucy N	Xavier V W	Drew F-F	Seb C
10th	Ruby B	Sam P	Addison H	Levi C	Ruby B	Byron L-S	Ruby B	Lorcan F
	Georgia H				Layla F			
					Imogen G			

Thank you so much to Miss Condick, Max, David, Office/First Aid and MMPS staff for their help in setting up, running the event and packing up but a **HUGE Thank you** to my sports leaders (**Ziva, Kalani, Henry, Makai, Lila, Seb, Tate, Archie, Kieran, Gracie & Alex**) who not only ran in their 3km race but also ran as 'hares' for every other race. It was a huge ask of them all and they all did it with enthusiasm, enjoyment and pride.

Our school team (8yr old – 12/13yr old's) will be competing at the Mornington District XC on Tuesday 24th May at Penbank School. All runners are asked to wear their **RED** school shirt or a sport singlet on the day of competition. Times for each race will be added to Compass for those running for our school. Parents are welcome to attend but please be aware **NO PARKING** available at the venue.



VICTORIAN INTERSCHOOL MOUNTAIN BIKE CHALLENGE

This year Mt Martha PS has been offered the chance to enter the Interschool Mountain Bike Challenge at Dromana Secondary College. This is a great chance for those students who are keen on mountain bike riding to take part in such an event. The course will take riders through a combination of paved pathways between the school buildings, through parkland and around the sports oval.

It is suggested that students in Years 5 and 6 can enter this event but also understand that there is a level of riding ability needed. Dromana Secondary is open to the public on the weekends for those wishing to check it out.

AusCycling has registered Mountain Biking with School Sports Victoria, however students will need to enter individually for this event using the Entryboss entry system.

For Round 1 at Dromana, there are a range of age groups students can enter via this link:

<https://entryboss.cc/races/11355>

Cameron Sweatman

PE Teacher

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Free Parent Webinars

Parental controls

Find out how to set up devices and apps to help keep young people safe online.

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- the benefits and limitations of parental controls
- how to safely set up iOS and Android devices
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- family tech agreements and other parenting strategies to manage online risks
- how eSafety can help you when things go wrong.

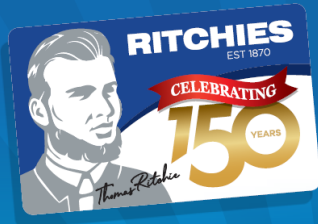
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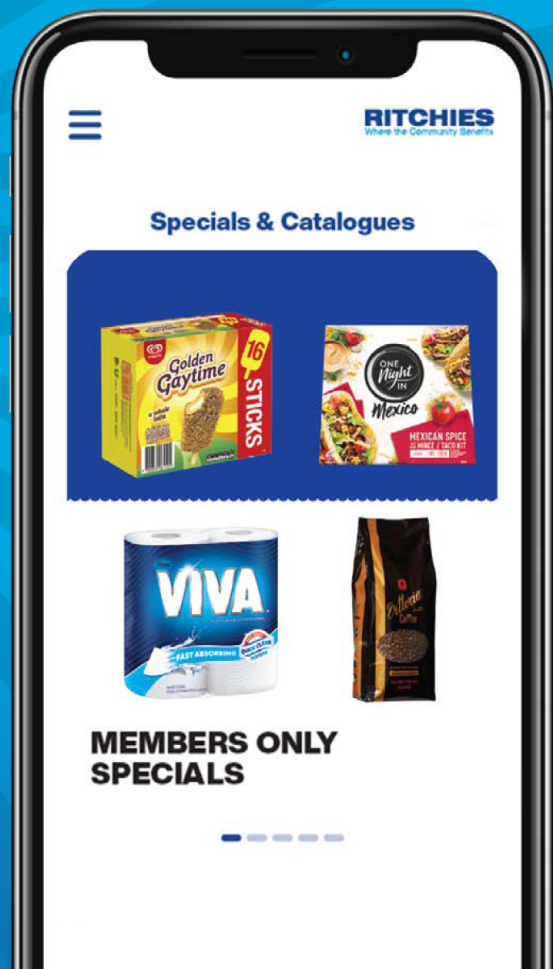
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